(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) यात्रा रियायत के प्रस्ताव में एअर इण्डिया और इण्डियन एयरलाइन्स से 50 प्रतिशत रियायत का अनुरोध किया गया है, ताकि भारत और विदेश के प्रतिनिधि ये फिल्में देख सकें।

Office of Director General of Technical Development

578. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to wind up DGTD (Directorate General of Technical Development);

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the stage of consideration of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Participation by department of Electronics in projects

579. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any projects with equity participation of the Department of Electronics;

(b) if so, what are the details; and

(c) whether there are any such proposals under consideration of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Small newspapers

580. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small newspapers being published in the country as on date;

(b) what is their total circulation; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to encourage the small newspapers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) On the basis of circulation disclosed by newspapers for the calendar year 1989, there are 3528 small newspapers.

(b) Their total average circulation is 2,23,41,000 per publishing day.

(c) Details of concessions/facilities available to small newspapers are given in the statement attached.

Statement

A—Concessions/facilities extended by RNI

1. The classification norms of the Small, Medium and Big newspapers have been revised with effect from 1.4.89. A newspaper/periodical with a circulation of upto 25,000 copies per publishing day is categorised as small. The limit hitherto was 15,000 copies per publishing day. The publication with a circulation of more than 25,000 copies and upto 75,000 copies per publishing day are now classified as Medium. Earlier the limits were more than 15,000 copies and upto 50,000 copies per publishing day. Similarly, the norm for a big newspaper is now a circulation more than 75,000 copies as against more than 50,000 copies per publishing day earlier.

2. Normally a newspaper must be registered with the RNI before it is allotted newsprint. A provision has been made from 1989-90 to release newsprint to newspapers even prior to their registration provided they get themselves registered with the RNI within three months of the date of the release of authorisation.

3. Regular newspapers with an annual entitlement of 200 MT of newsprint are given the option to take imported newsprint to 100 per cent extent.